

H.R. 2969. An Act to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

The message further announced that on the following dates the President approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

On March 28, 1996:

S. 1494. An Act to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

On April 1, 1996:

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact.

On April 9, 1996:

S. 4. An Act to give the President line-item veto authority with respect to appropriations, new direct spending, and limited tax benefits.

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, May 12, 1995, Members were recognized for "morning hour" debates.

¶39.3 RECESS—1:20 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HOBSON, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 p.m.

¶39.4 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, called the House to order.

¶39.5 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of March 29, 1996.

Mr. SKAGGS, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. SKAGGS objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶39.6 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

2335. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for fiscal year 1996 supplemental appropriations totaling \$250 million to intensify our Nation's drug law enforcement, treatment, and prevention efforts, and to designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104-193); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2336. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his re-

quest to make available appropriations totaling \$13,025,000 in budgetary authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, in addition a request to redirect appropriations totaling \$3,700,000 in budget authority to the Department of Health and Human Services, and to designate the amounts made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104-194); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2337. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting a report of 10 proposed rescissions of budgetary resources, totaling \$400.4 million affecting the Department of Defense, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 683(a)(1) (H. Doc. No. 104-195); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2338. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of April 1, 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 104-192); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2339. A letter from the Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification that the Department of the Navy intends to transfer by sale the ship U.S.S. *Recovery* to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7307(b)(2); to the Committee on National Security.

2340. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); to the Committee on National Security.

2341. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a report entitled, "Financial Audit: Panama Canal Commission's 1995 and 1994 Financial Statements" (GAO/AIMD-96-61) March 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a); to the Committee on National Security.

2342. A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on National Security.

2343. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the Council's 1995 annual report to the Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3305; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2344. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the 1995 annual report of the National Credit Union Administration, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1256; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2345. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year—if any—and the budget year provided by House Joint Resolution 170, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on the Budget.

2346. A letter from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities' 20th annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 959(c); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2347. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's

20th annual report to Congress entitled "Automotive Fuel Economy Program," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916; to the Committee on Commerce.

2348. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's 80th annual report covering its accomplishments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1994, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 46(f); to the Committee on Commerce.

2349. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the semiannual report for the combined periods October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995 listing voluntary contributions made by the U.S. Government to International Organizations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2226(b)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

2350. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on chemical and biological weapons proliferation control efforts for the period of February 1, 1995 to January 31, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 102-182, section 308(a) (105 Stat. 1257); to the Committee on International Relations.

2351. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2352. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the evaluation from Liberia of private United States citizens and certain third-country nationals who have taken refuge in the United States Embassy compound wishing to leave. (H. Doc. No. 104-196); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

2353. A letter from the Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2354. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's report on procedures for hiring experts and consultants, pursuant to Public Law 104-8, section 101(e)(1) (109 Stat. 101); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2355. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's report entitled "Report on Final Allocations of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1996 Budget," pursuant to Public Law 104-8, section 202(d) (109 Stat. 113); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2356. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2357. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2358. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2359. A letter from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting the an-